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TAGS: PINT, GY
SUBJECT: ANTI-CORRUPTION DRIVE CONTINUES

REF: GEORGETOWN 2538

1. SEVEN MORE PERSONS WERE INDICTED DURING THE PAST WEEK IN THE GOVERNMENT OF GUYANA (GOG) ANTI-CORRUPTION DRIVE (REFTEL). FOUR INDIVIDUALS, A MAJOR AND WARRANT OFFICER OF THE GUYANA DEFENSE FORCE, AND TWO EMPLOYEES OF A SAWMILLING FIRM, WERE CHARGED WITH BILKING THE GOG OF US\$6,400 BY ARRANGING FRAUDULENT GOVERNMENT PURCHASE ORDERS FOR LUMBER. TWO GOVERNMENT CIVIL SERVANTS, ONE OF WHOM WAS ACTING PERMANENT SECRETARY OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH, HOUSING & LABOUR AT THE TIME OF HIS ARREST, AND A PRIVATE CONTRACTOR WERE CHARGED WITH DEFRAUDING THE GOG OF OVER US\$44,000 IN A PHONY CONTRACT SCHEME.

2. COMMENT: IN A SPEECH BEFORE THE RULING PEOPLE'S NATIONAL CONGRESS GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING ON AUGUST 13 PRIME MINISTER BURNHAM REITERATED HIS PLEDGE TO ROOT OUT
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GOVERNMENT CORRUPTION AT ALL LEVELS. INFORMED OBSERVERS STATE THAT AT LEAST FIFTY MORE INDICTMENTS CAN BE EXPECTED. THE RECENT ARRESTS INDICATE THAT FUTURE PROSECUTIONS MAY ALSO BE DIRECTED AT WIDESPREAD IRREGULAR PRACTICES IN THE GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES FROM PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS AND FIRMS.
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